

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2021



ENGAGE
INSPIRE
EMPOWER

Our topic this half term is:

Yes Minister!

In this unit the children will:

- Use different sources of research to find out about parliament.
- Understand and describe the role of MPs.
- Take part in debates around key issues affecting the UK.
- Understand the Suffragettes and their impact on our voting system.
- Take part in a class election.



Welcome to Year 6!

We hope you all had a lovely time over the summer and are ready to start the new school year. We are looking forward to getting back into the routine of school after a weird and strange lockdown and enjoying your child's last year at JHPS!

Although we are aware that SATs are an important part of Year 6, we will be making sure that the children's mental health and well being are a priority as we support their transition to secondary school and beyond.

Useful Information

- Gates open at 8.55am. Children can enter through any gate and must be in class by 9.05am (after 9.15am, children will be marked as late). At home time, Year 6 will be dismissed from the double gates on Elsham Road at 3.20pm.
- Dinner money should be paid via Parent Pay.
- We will still be continuing the practises of regular handwashing and using water bottles from home.

Important Dates

Friday 17th September 2021: Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 23rd September 2021: Individual School photos

Friday 24th to Monday 27th September 2021 : PGL Residential Trip

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021: Half Term

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us on the class emails:

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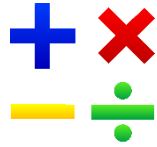
We can arrange a phone call if needed through this! *In person meetings will resume as soon as we are able to do so.*

The Year 6 Team:

Chestnut – Peter & Ruth (PPA cover)

Oak – Andrew & Gemma

Maths



Year 6 mathematicians will:

- Revise reading and writing numbers up to 10,000,000 using words and numerals.
- Recognise the value of each digit up to 10,000,000.
- Perform mental calculations including mixed operations.
- Use estimation to check calculations and accuracy.
- Identify common factors, multiples and prime numbers.
- Compare and classify geometric shapes based on their properties.

English

Year 6 authors will:



- Work with the text 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies' and 'The Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell.
- Write their own manifestos as party of a political party.
- Write persuasive speeches to put forward their ideas and opinions.
- Work on the structure of their writing for different genres and contexts.
- Identify grammatical structures and punctuation in a text and the impact these have on the reader.

PE



PE will be on Monday afternoon

We are fortunate to be working with some Leyton Orient sports coaches who will be delivering healthy living and PE sessions with the children over the Autumn Term. PE kits should be worn to school on Mondays. Kits consist of a white t-shirt and navy/black shorts or bottoms. No other colours or tracksuits should be worn.

Topic



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Art and DT

- Develop techniques using oil pastels.
- Create their own versions of some of Monet's paintings.
- Evaluate different representations of the Houses of Parliament.

Computing

Focus on Internet safety – we will look at how different social media sites use personal information and the practises we can use to minimise risks to our security online.

RE

Explore the topic *The Journey of Life and Death*. Through this unit, pupils will learn about how faith and belief can provide some answers to life's most challenging and ultimate questions.

Science



Year 6 scientists will:

Learn about Light:

- Recognise that light travels in straight lines.
- Understand that we see objects because they give out or reflect light into our eyes.
- Identify sources of light and those that reflect light.

Online Resources

We will continue to use online resources such as Google Classroom and Bug Club to support the children's learning. If your child is unsure of how to use these, please let us know.